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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

Claim 1 (amended) An accessory for reducing the kick felt by a shooter when a firearm is discharged, said accessory comprising:

a pad, a rigid plate, and a vibration decay pattern modifier;

said pad and said decay pattern modifier both being fabricated from an organic, elastomeric material;

said pad having therein an aperture opening onto a face of the pad;

said plate being assembled in face-to-face relationship with that face of the pad onto which the aperture in the pad opens; and

the decay pattern modifier having an element which is disposed in the aperture in the elastomeric pad.

Cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Add claim 35.

Cancel claim 7 without prejudice.

Cancel claim 8 without prejudice.

Cancel claim 9 without prejudice.

Rewrite claim 11 in independent form as claim 36.

Rewrite claim 16 in independent form as claim 37.

Amend claim 18 to read as follows:

Claim 18 (amended) An accessory for reducing the kick experienced by the shooter when a firearm is discharged:

said accessory comprising a plate and a resiliently compressible, kick reducing pad;

said plate being so disposed in face-to-face relationship with the pad as to close said opening and form a sealed pocket that can collapse to elastically compress air filling the pocket when the firearm is discharged, thus additionally, pneumatically cushioning the kick felt by the shooter upon the discharge of the firearm.

Amend claim 19 to read as follows:

Claim 19 (amended) An accessory as defined in claim 18 which has a vibration decay pattern modifier disposed in the aperture in the pad.

Cancel claim 20 without prejudice.

Cancel claim 21 without prejudice.

Amend claim 22 to read as follows:

Claim 22 (amended) An accessory as defined in claim 19 in which there is an additional sealed, decay pattern modifier-free cavity in said pad further contributing to the cushioning afforded by the accessory when the firearm is discharged.

Amend claim 23 to read as follows:

Claim 23 (amended) An accessory as defined in claim 22 in which said additional cavity extends completely through said pad and accommodates a fastener designed to secure the accessory to the gunstock.

Amend claim 24 to read as follows:

Claim 24 (amended) An accessory as defined in claim 18:
which comprises a vibration decay pattern modifier;
said modifier having a mushroom-like configuration defined by a stem and an
integral head;

said stem being fixed to said plate; and

said head being disposed in the cavity in the resiliently compressible pad.

Amend claim 25 to read as follows:

Claim 25 (amended) An accessory as defined in claim 24 in which there is a
clearance around the periphery of the decay pattern modifier head between that periphery
and the boundary of the compressible pad aperture in which said element is disposed.

Cancel claim 26 without prejudice.

Cancel claim 27 without prejudice.

Cancel claim 28 without prejudice.

Rewrite claim 29 in independent form as claim 39.

Amend claim 30 to read as follows:

30. An accessory as defined in claim 39 in which said elastomeric pad, or said
decay pattern modifying component, or said pad and said component are fabricated from
a material which comprises a chloroprene polymer.

Amend claim 31 to read as follows:

31. An accessory as defined in claim 39 in which the material has a
Durometer hardness in the range of 12 to 30.

Amend claim 32 as follows: